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SUBJECT: RECENT USDA ANNOUNCEMENT OF DOMESTIC SUGAR QUOTA
DEFICIT AND PRORATION TO FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

REF: STATE 212034

1. PARAGUAYAN SUGAR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE HAS
ASKED EMBASSY TO OBTAIN REASON FOR SMALL CHANGE IN
QUOTA (591 SHORT TONS) FOR PARAGUAY ANNOUNCED BY
USDA SEPTEMBER 25.

2. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE POINTED OUT THAT IN
PAST YEARS CHANGES IN QUOTA FOR PARAGUAY HAD BEEN
THE SAME AS CHANGES FOR BOLIVIA. IN MOST RECENT
USDA ANNOUNCEMENT BOLIVIA RECEIVED QUOTA INCREASE
OF 6,470 SHORT TONS AS CONTRASTED WITH ONLY 591
SHORT TONS FOR PARAGUAY.

3. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT PARAGUAY

WAS PREPARED TO SHIP APPROXIMATELY 5,000 SHORT
TONS BEFORE END OF YEAR. HOWEVER, THEY COULD NOT
SHIP THE SMALL AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE QUOTA INCREASE
BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE
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STANDPOINTS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON
WHICH TO BASE REPLY TO SUGAR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE
AND INDICATION WHETHER THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY
FOR ADJUSTMENT OF QUOTA INCREASE FOR PARAGUAY AT
THIS TIME.
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